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## Dear Boston Consortium Internship applicant:

Speaking on behalf of the faculty of the Boston Consortium, we are extremely pleased that you may be interested in applying to our <u>APA-accredited</u> Psychology Internship Training Program for the 2010 – 2011 training year. As you may have seen, our updated internship materials have not been available, as of September 30<sup>th</sup>. You will find our 2010 – 2011 materials on another (*soon to be available*) web address.

As soon as possible, the link to that new webpage will be reflected on several visible sites (e.g., APPIC's online directory <a href="http://www.appic.org/directory/4\_1\_directory\_online.asp">http://www.appic.org/directory/4\_1\_directory\_online.asp</a>, VA Psychology <a href="http://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/">http://www.psychologytraining.va.gov/</a>). Please see the Boston Consortium in Clinical Psychology listings in these two sites; however, we also will provide an updated hyperlink on our webpage: <a href="http://www1.va.gov/bostonpsychologyfellowship/page.cfm?pg=18">http://www1.va.gov/bostonpsychologyfellowship/page.cfm?pg=18</a>

In the meantime, let me give you with some updates and some information that may help your preparations for applying to our program.

- 1. All application to our internship program will take place through the Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers (APPIC) Match process. Thus, all materials will be uploaded through the AAPI online portals, described in APPIC and National Matching Services materials.
- 2. Please visit the APPIC website at <a href="www.appic.org">www.appic.org</a> and click on the AAPI Online link. Completed internship applications and supporting materials are due in November each year; this year the due date will be close of business (COB) on <a href="Monday">Monday</a>, <a href="November 9">November 9</a>, <a href="2009">2009</a>. All application materials must be submitted through the AAPI Online portals and available for review by us on or before this date. We encourage applicants to submit materials, before that date, but all complete applications submitted by the COB of November 9<sup>th</sup> will be reviewed. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed by our Selection Committee.

Our application and selection process have been developed to comply with the policies and procedures developed by the <u>Association of Psychology Postdoctoral and Internship Centers</u> (APPIC), including the policies governing the Match. It is our intention to be in full compliance with both the letter and the spirit of the APPIC policy. Thus, our internship fully abides by the APPIC policy that no person at this training facility will solicit, accept, or use any ranking-related information from any intern applicant.

All required application materials (items 1-6, below) should be submitted using the AAPI Online system and procedures. Follow all instructions accompanying the AAPI Online to enter your information directly, or upload your documents (items 1-3). We encourage all CVs to be uploaded as Microsoft Word (version 2003 or earlier) or Adobe Acrobat files. Only the transcript (item 4) should be mailed in hard copy form to the AAPI Online application address.

## Required materials for application:

- 1. Completed AAPI Online application
- 2. Completed Training Interview Assignment Form (for Boston Consortium, 2010 2011 version); upload this as part of your supplemental materials. This form allows you to specify up to two potential 8-month (Match) rotations to which you wish to apply. For candidates who are invited, this form will assist us in arranging interviews.
- 3. Transcripts of graduate work [As described in AAPI Online materials, you should mail one official copy of all graduate transcripts to the AAPI Online application address at:

AAPI Online

P.O. Box 9117

Watertown, MA 02471

- 4. Verification of AAPI by your doctoral program (DCT) through the DCT Portal of the AAPI Online system.
- Three (3) letters of recommendation from faculty members or practicum supervisors, who should be well acquainted with your clinical and research work. Recommendation letter writers should upload an electronic copy to the Reference Portal of the AAPI Online system.

Good luck with your internship search process. Please feel free to contact us with any questions which remain unanswered about our internship program or the application process. Our email addresses are: <a href="mailto:stephen.lancey@va.gov">stephen.lancey@va.gov</a> and <a href="mailto:keith.shaw@va.gov">keith.shaw@va.gov</a>. Contact information for all executive, administrative, and rotation directors will be provided in our Training Brochure.

Best regards,

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